

SOUTHEAST COLORADO WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING

GoTo Meeting
March 25, 2015
1:00pm-2:00pm

Members present: Representing:

Jeannie Larsen	SEMH WIB Chair-Private
Ray Garcia	LEO
Gerald Barber	Crowley County Rep-Private
Johnnie DeLeon	IF-Private
Jayme McGraw	Spanish Peaks-Private
John Marrin	LCC President
Ron Davis	Private
Carmen Simone	TSJC
Jim Rizzuto	OJC
Tammy Dorenkamp	OJC
Nancy Wilkinson	Private
Joe Pentlicki	Private
Sheila Hudson	DHS
Ryan Stevens	Economic Development
Clarke Becker	Rural Consortium Director
Betty Velasquez	Southeast /South Central Director
Charles Griego	Trinidad Workforce Center
Shannon Garcia	Southeast Workforce Center

Members Not Present: Chris Tuma

Welcome/Introductions: Jeannie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Changes: No agenda changes heard by the board.

Membership: Betty informed the board that Dan Tate has moved out of the area and he is no longer a member; it was noted that Stephanie Gonzales has taken Dan's place; she has reached out and may want to join the board. Jeannie asked the board to accept Dan's resignation although he did not submit anything formal; no objection to the acceptance of the resignation was heard by the board. John Marrin stated that he believes that Stephanie would be a great addition but he did ask about the ration of public to private members on the board. John also asked how she could be appointed to the board; Jeannie and Betty stated that a letter from the Prowers County Commissioners would need to be obtained and then board could vote. Betty did state that the board needs to be careful with the ratio of private vs public and it was suggested to ask Stephanie to attend but not

vote, John was okay with that suggestion. Jeannie asked that Shannon update the WIB Member List for the April Meeting.

Consent Vote: Jeannie asked for approval of the November and December WIB minutes; no changes were requested by the board and the consent agenda was approved.

Reports and Updates: Betty gave the board an overview of the percentage of individuals enrolled in WIA and what training establishment they are attending. Betty then showed the training distribution between Occupational Training, On the Job Training, Work Experience and Direct Placements. Betty then shared Wagner Peyser numbers with the board, this reporting period Betty showed a comparison of numbers from last year this time to this year. It was noted that the left side is last year's numbers and the list on the right is from this year. Betty did note that the Employer Service number is much lower due to a change in the report that she was utilizing previously. Betty informed the board of the events that have taken place since the last board meeting; she noted that there was a Job Fair held at Inspiration Field on February 19th, there were 27 employers and resources in attendance and 155 jobseekers. Betty also discussed the Manufacturing Tour that was held in January; Ray noted that there were over 700 kids that attended this event. Ray discussed that the kids toured different manufacturing companies depending on their grade level. Ray was at Oliver and worked with Economic Development and OJC's STEM staff; the kids had an activity in which they were to create vessel that could hold water and did not leak. This vessel was to be made out of duct tape and poster board. Ray noted that this event correlates with Sector work and career pathways; he also noted that this is something that the Manufacturing Group would like to see happen each year. Ray also discussed that the See the Change will begin next year in the schools in this area; Fowler and Swink will not be taking part. Betty then discussed the WIOA Meetings that were held in La Junta and Trinidad; she touched on the individuals that attended as well as what is known so far about WIOA. Betty also noted that there was a Rapid Response for Alco in Springfield in the month of February. Betty stated that staff participated in the Girls in the Middle Conference at OJC on March 6th. Betty also discussed the Youth Career Fair held at Inspiration Field on March 13th, she noted that there were 47 youth in attendance, the number was lower than wanted but it was a great event. Betty highlighted the keynote speaker; Mike Oquist, she stated that his talk was very impactful for the youth that attended. Betty mentioned that staff is continuing with Ft Lyon job readiness workshops. Betty informed the board that COVA came in yesterday to give Vicarious Trauma Training for staff in order to give staff tools to re-channel stress from working with hard to serve customers. Betty discussed that she and Clarke as well as others from the Consortium will be attending the National Association of Workforce Boards Conference this next week; she noted that they will be leaving on Friday. Betty stated that this will be a great venue to get information on WIOA. Betty then reminded the board that the CRWC WIB Meeting will be held May 6-8 in La Junta at Inspiration Field. Betty noted that she and Nancy had a discussion after the WIOA Meeting in Trinidad about setting up a MOU Meeting to be proactive with WIOA this

meeting is scheduled for April 7th. Nancy noted that it should be a good meeting and she has sent out invitations to all partners and it is an open meeting so if you would like to attend you are welcome to do so. Betty stated that she excited to announce that a new staff person has been hired for the MSFW Program, Karina Robles; Betty noted that she is still in college but working part time training in Denver. Karina should start in the La Junta Office mid-May.

Betty then spoke with the board about the knowns and unknowns surrounding WIOA, Betty noted that the PowerPoint she is presenting from will be sent out to the board so they can review this pertinent information. Clarke noted that Colorado is being very proactive with WIOA and he hopes that the regulations will be out very soon, possibly when they are at NAWB. Clarke stated that Mesa County has submitted a petition to become a Federally Recognized Region; he noted that this shouldn't impact the Rural Consortium much. Betty noted that the Rural Consortium Board does have to be in compliance by July 1, 2015 under WIOA. Clarke noted that the Southeast Region will want to be proactive in making sure their board is also in compliance. Betty then shared the partnerships that are currently working together on WIOA. Clarke then discussed the planning regions and the reasoning as to why these regions have been broken down the way that they are. Clarke stated that there will be five planning regions and each will create a plan and they will be rolled up into one unified plan for the state. Clarke discussed that Park County may be included with Metro Region for planning because they work closely with Jefferson County. Clarke noted that things could change some regarding the planning but it is unclear as of now. Clarke asked that the region be at the table for the planning meeting that will be taking place. Betty stated that the Workforce will be the convener for the planning meetings, Betty asked the board to please make as many of the planning meetings as they can. Betty stated that last week the Council met and made the recommendation to move forward with the planning regions map. Betty then shared the mandatory partners for WIOA as well as the optional partners. Betty stated that the required partners have grown and we want each at the table for planning. Clarke noted that just because partners are optional doesn't make them any less important. Betty noted that under WIOA there will be a huge focus on serving the hard to serve. Betty stated that in Southeast we are fortunate because the board has most of the requirements met.

John Marrin stated that he wanted to thank Betty and her staff for working with the community colleges, he stated that they appreciate that funds are being spent locally and are glad that individuals in the community are being served. Jeannie also wanted to thank the Workforce Center, she noted that they had a booth at the job fair in February, and they were able to hire an individual that has brought in some great ideas and looks to be a great fit for their organization. Betty noted that she needed to thank Inspiration Field for the partnerships on the recent job fairs, because it has been a collaborative effort between both agencies.

May Rural Consortium Meeting: Clarke stated that there has been discussion surrounding tours and presenters for the May Consortium Board Meeting in La Junta. Clarke noted that they generally start on Wednesday afternoon to meet with LEOs; then that evening testimonials from customers and businesses are heard at dinner. Clarke noted that the board would like to hear about things going on in the area. Clarke also extended an invitation to as many Southeast WIB that want to attend events that evening. Clarke then noted that Thursday has been discussed but an agenda has not been formulated as of yet, he did note that Thursday afternoon usually includes tours of businesses. Clarke stated that they would entertain ideas of what tours they should go on. Clarke noted that Thursday night is usually dinner on your own. He stated that Friday will be a business meeting and by noon the meeting will adjourn. Betty asked that Jeannie and she meet with Christy; and Clarke noted that it would be great to include the LEO in the discussion as well. Clarke noted that previously the Rural Consortium meeting followed the CCI meeting however it didn't make sense to meet in communities outside the Consortium. Jeannie informed the board that it is our time to shine; she encouraged board participation if they have ideas email her and Betty as to what they would like to see.

Other/Request for Agenda Items: Betty asked for ideas on the agenda for next month's meeting. John stated that they have a new welding shop; he stated that they could make arrangements for a tour. Betty and Shannon will work with John on the tour. Jeannie also asked for testimonials from jobseekers or employers. It was noted that it did not matter if the testimonials were positive or not.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 22, 2015 at Lamar Community College in the Trustees Building. Lunch will begin at 11:30 and the meeting will take place from 12:00-2:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Garcia